

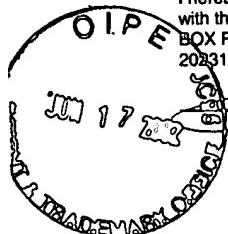
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In re application of: JOHN O. LAMPING et al.
Application No.: 09/124,805
Confirmation No.: 7115
Filed: July 29, 1998
Title: Local Relative Layout of Node-Link Structures In Space With Negative Curvature

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Sir:

This RESPONSE B is in reply to the Final Office Action mailed March 11, 2002. The fee for addition of new claims is included herewith. A REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION is also submitted herewith, together with the appropriate fee.

Amendments

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the Claims:

Please add new claims 16-28 as shown below. All pending claims are reproduced below, including those that remain unchanged. No Attachment under Rule 1.121 accompanies this Response because no existing claims have been changed.

1. A method of laying out a node-link structure in a space with negative curvature; the method comprising: